

Public Water System Drinking Water Awards - 2000

In The Main – Summer 2000, By Marie Tennant

Drinking Water Day in Massachusetts was celebrated on May 11 at the State House in Boston. (The Town of Leominster is graciously hosting the awards' ceremony for next year. We look forward to going outside of Boston every other year to celebrate this event.) This year's keynote speaker, David Vallee of the National Weather Service, focused on how weather patterns can affect drinking water supplies, and we thank him for the presentation. Thanks as well to the exhibitors who spoke with many visitors. Environmental Secretary Bob Durand, DEP Commissioner Lauren A. Liss, DEP Assistant Commissioner Arleen O'Donnell, DEP Drinking Water Program Director David Terry, Jae Kim of MWWA, David Howe of NERWA, Jane Downing of U.S. EPA, Carol Harris of MWWA, and a number of legislators offered remarks during the awards ceremony.

We take the opportunity here to again showcase this year's award winners. The following is a listing (in regional order) of the top 10 percent scoring systems by classification: small community systems (3,300 and under in population); medium and large community systems (more than 3,300); consecutive systems, and nontransient noncommunity systems. These 38 systems out of 732 should be congratulated for their daily efforts of not only maintaining but going beyond compliance with regulations and voluntarily carrying out practices that promote quality drinking water.

Best Overall System:

Harwich Water Dept.
Kenneth J Bulley – Supt.

Most Improved System:

Wilkinsonville Water District
Henry C Papuga – Supt.

NTNC Systems:

Karl Storz Endovision, Inc.
Stuart L Rideout – Supt.

Dover Water Dept.
Karl L Warnick - Chief Oper.

Consecutive Systems:

East Longmeadow DPW Water Dept.
Silvio J Baruzzi - Supt.
Wilbraham Water Dept.
Michael Framarin - Supt.

Hanscom AFB
George E Young - Supt.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission
Daniel Kerrissey - Supt.

Town of Marblehead

Water and Sewer Commission
Dana Snow - Supt.

Small Community Systems:

Stockbridge Water Dept.
Michael P. Buffoni – Supt.

Douglas Water Dept.
Anthony J. Gressak – Supt.

Wilkinsonville Water District
Henry C Papuga – Supt.

West Brookfield Water Dept.
Ronald Marchessault - Supt.

Dover Water Co.
Josef Fryer - Supt.

Springdale Farms Water Supply Trust
Jeff Carter - Supt.

Cotuit Water Dept.
Leonard Mendes - Supt.

North Sagamore Water Dist.
Paul Gibbs - Supt.

Dighton Water Dist.
Charles Cestodio Jr. - Supt.

Edgartown Water Dept.
Fred R. Domont - Supt.

Medium & Large Community Systems:

Orange Water Dept.
Richard Kilhart - Supt.
South Hadley Fire Dist. #2
William Selkirk - Supt.

Acton Water Supply Dist.
James L. Deming - Supt.

Cherry Valley & Rochdale Water Dist.
Michael F. Knox - Supt.

Milford Water Co.
Henry C. Papuga - Supt.

Lowell Water Dept.
Edmund F Tarmey - Supt.

Lynnfield Center Water Dist.
Kenneth H Burnham - Supt.

Norfolk Water Dept.
James A Martin III - Supt.

Reading Water Dept.
Edward D McIntire Jr - Supt.

Avon Water Dept.
John F. Tetreault - Supt.

Centerville Osterville Marston Mills Water
Dept.
Craig a Crocker - Supt.

Brewster Water Dept.
Paul V Hicks - Supt.

Chatham Water Dept.
William Redfield - Supt.

Easton Water Dept.
Wayne P. Southworth - Supt.

Foxborough Water Dept.
Warren McKay - Supt.

Harwich Water Dept.
Kenneth J Bulley - Supt.

Seekonk Water Dist.
Bruce S. Baldwin - Supt.

Sharon Water Dept.
John A. Sulik - Supt.

Swansea Water Dist.
Robert A Marquis - Supt.

Norwell Water Department
John R McInnis - Supt.

Below is the list for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Educator Award. These three instructors were nominated by their peers and chosen by EPA for their exemplary teaching skills in the environmental area.

Moira O'Brien, Principal
Fisher Hill School
Orange MA 01364

Richard N. Porter, Grade 5 Teacher
Orleans Elementary School
Orleans MA 02653

Janice Gagnon
COMM Water Department
Osterville MA 02655

Congratulations to Source Protection Award Winners

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Each year the Drinking Water Program honors innovative source protection efforts that reflect the exemplary work going on throughout the state. This year we're giving special recognition to two cooperative approaches to groundwater supply protection. Hats off to the Mashpee Water District and the Town of Mashpee, and to the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee for great all-around programs and for accomplishments during 1999.

The Mashpee Water District and the Town of Mashpee have collaborated closely in protecting the town's drinking water wells and updating local controls as new wells have come on line. The town passed a comprehensive bylaw to control impacts from stormwater runoff. The bylaw is now used by DEP as a *Model Impervious Surface Bylaw* for other communities and is available on our web site. The town also recently purchased 197 acres to protect a future well site and has spent \$2 million over the past four years acquiring land. The water district also drafted a local *Floor Drain Regulation and Policy* that the town's board of health adopted.

The Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee is dedicated to protecting the Barnes Aquifer, the shared source of drinking water for over 600,000 people in several western Massachusetts communities. It is comprised of three members each from Easthampton, Holyoke, Southamptton, and Westfield and a representative from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The committee advises local boards on growth/resource issues, and members review and comment on proposed developments within the aquifer. In 1999, the committee produced an excellent poster and resource manual, *Best Management Practices to Protect Groundwater, Information for Small Businesses*, and conducted outreach on the topic to small businesses, in addition to general source protection education.